

# **Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Administration Committee**

## **Final Meeting Summary December 14, 1998**

*Approved January 14, 1999*

**Present:** Doug Hurley, Chair, Peter Bennett, Vice Chair, Representative Ruth Fisher, Tomio Moriguchi, Connie Niva, Patricia Notter, Ken Smith

**Absent:** Greg Devereux, Bob Dilger, Senator Dino Rossi, Judie Stanton

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and reviewed the summary of the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee approved the summary as drafted.

### **Meeting Schedule for 1999**

The Committee agreed to meet approximately monthly in 1999, as the Chair proposed. Members agreed to check their schedules and determine a regular meeting time at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Transportation Briefings**

The Committee met on a day of presentations to the full Commission addressing transportation funding and budgeting. The morning session covered major transportation funding sources and how they drive the budgeting process for federal, state, county, city, and transit agency funds. At its lunch meeting, the Committee discussed the briefings of the morning session.

Some members raised questions regarding the extent to which the Blue Ribbon Commission should address issues relating to the federal government, given the Commission's limited power to effect changes at the federal level. The Chair urged members to consider a range of issues, including federal ones if they cause significant problems for the state.

The Committee discussed a number of issues relating to funding for transportation projects, noting that some of the topics are in the purview of the Revenue Committee.

## **Topic Selection**

The Chair provided an updated and expanded listed of potential topics that the Administration Committee may choose to address in the coming year. He also distributed and explained a chart providing a functional overview of the state transportation system. The topic list is organized according to the functional categories outlined in the chart: system organization; funding; changing system behavior; operations and maintenance of current facilities and services; planning and implementation of new facilities and services. The topic list also contains criteria for the Committee to use in refining the scope of the issues it will address.

The Committee agreed to consider potential reforms to the planning and permitting of transportation projects as its first major issue, beginning at the January meeting. The Committee agreed on examining the complex transportation funding structure as a second major issue, but noted that the Chairs would need to resolve whether the Administration Committee or Revenue Committee should address this topic.

The Chair requested that members review the topic list and prioritize the issues they are most interested in having the Committee address. Based on the input of members, the Chair will develop a proposed work plan for discussion at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.